SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 as follows:

- - Referring now to **FIGURE 2**, an embodiment which addresses this issue in a manner that preserves the investment in the host device is presented. In this embodiment, by way of example and not limitation, video data can be provided in AVC format (or any other video format) rather than MPEG 2 as described above, without modification to the host device 14. In this example, functional blocks of like reference number function in a substantially similar manner. AVC format video data (or video data in any other suitable format) are received at tuner 22 from cable 18 and demodulated at demodulator [[26]] 24. The demodulated AVC data are provided to the CA decrypter 26, as described previously, and decrypted. The decrypted AVC data are supplied to a transcoder device (which may be a hardware device or a software or firmware based device running as a process on a programmed processor such as CPU 60) 70. In this exemplary embodiment, the transcoder device 70 is designated as an AVC to MPEG 2 transcoder, but may be any other suitable transcoder to accommodate incoming data of a format other than AVC and produce an output of a format other than MPEG 2. The transcoded data output from transcoder 70 is in the form of MPEG 2 data which is then supplied to CP encrypter 28 for return to the host 14. In this manner, the video data from the CableCARD 10 produces output that is compatible with the MPEG decoder 34 present in the host device 14 without need for modification of the host device. In certain preferred embodiments, CableCARD 10 is designed and configured to comply with the OpenCable™ specification for Point of Deployment modules (CableCARDs). - -